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Lady Griz denied a berth to tourney

AMBER KUEHN
MONTANA KAIMIN

After a frustrating loss to Northern Arizona in Friday's semifinal game, the Lady Griz were served another dose of disappointment four days later.

Gathered at the Paradise Falls Sports Bar for ESPN's selection show Monday night, fans, coaches and players held their breath and crossed their fingers, hoping to receive the school's first at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament. While anxiously awaiting their ticket to the big dance, several sighs could be heard as the final teams were called.

Montana was not one of them. "As it kept going, I knew it was getting to be a thinner and thinner chance," said head coach Robin Selvig, who has guided the Lady Griz to 16 previous NCAA appearances.

Junior forward Johanna Closson said she was disappointed, and the team had started to get excited about the possibility they could still be in.

"It's kind of like you get your hopes back up, you get that going again, and then it's kind of another letdown," she said.

Sophomore guard Mandy Morales said that "disappointing" was the only word she could find

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Few in dorms own insurance

JAMES LABER
MONTANA KAIMIN

When students move into the University of Montana dorms, they are given a packet full of information vital for any beginning college student – student safety, employment opportunities, recreation and more are all con-

tained within. Also contained is a 3-by-8 brochure offering students fire and theft insurance.

UM doesn't offer an insurance plan through the University; rather, it gives students the option to buy personal insurance through National Student Services Inc., an insurance company out of Oklahoma that has specialized in

student insurance for the past 31 years.

Ron Brunell, director of Residence Life, said UM encourages students to get insurance but doesn't recommend any company over another one. NSSI's brochures are contained in new student packets because he knows they are

licensed in Montana and other states.

NSSI representative Susan Kenslow said only 39 of the 1,991 students currently living in the UM dorms opted to buy the insurance this year.

Freshman Jordann Lankford

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Braving the Gnar Gnar



Kevin Hoffman/Montana Kaimin

UM senior Blaine Hunter spins a cartwheel in the pool during open kayaking Sunday night. Open kayaking is offered most Sunday nights to anyone interested in working on their roll.

Sides meet on sweatshop gear

ANNE KAZMIERCZAK
MONTANA KAIMIN

University of Montana Executive Vice President Jim Foley met with a group of students and two faculty members Friday afternoon to continue discussions about aligning the University with a workers' rights group.

Last Wednesday, Students for Economic and Social Justice held a "no sweat" rally outside the offices of President George Dennison and Foley, protesting the production of Griz gear that might be made in sweatshops around the globe.

SESJ is demanding the University align itself with an independent monitoring group, the Worker Rights Consortium, which would survey apparel manufacturers to ensure all licensed Griz gear comes only from those factories with fair labor practices.

The students and Foley came to one agreement: Another possible monitoring agency, the Fair Labor Alliance, did not meet UM or SESJ objectives.

"The WRC (is) the only option to ensure Grizzly gear is made sweat-free," SESJ member Sean Morrison said.

The Worker Rights Consortium, according to SESJ member Sam Schabacker, investigates factories producing collegiate licensed apparel. They identify those paying their workers a living wage and offering humane working conditions, and mark them "designated suppliers." The WRC then promises to direct all university apparel orders to those factories.

Foley was not convinced the certification process of apparel factories works, and said that "the WRC has admitted they're not there yet."

He handed out a list of 10 questions he said must be answered before the University commits. One was ensuring there are enough designated factories to produce the highly popular Griz gear.

Although it's only a moderately sized school, Morrison pointed out that UM is one of the top 50 purchasers of collegiate licensed apparel in the country.

"It's much more than would be expected from a school of this size," he said.

Other administration questions dealt with the continued monitoring of factories and with attaining enough participating schools to guarantee designated factories year-round business.

"If we meet all these questions, can we be assured that the University will affiliate with the WRC?" asked Tara Ness, one of

three ASUM senators in the group.

Foley replied, "Why would I make an assurance to something I'm not aware of myself?"

Undaunted, the students agreed to tackle the questions before their next meeting.

"It's really frustrating," Ness said. "We want to get this solved as quickly as possible, and the questions keep coming up to prolong the process."

The students, who last year advocated changes with the University's contract with Coca-Cola, began meeting with the administration in October 2006 regarding the sweatshop issue.

Morrison contends that with its buying power, UM "has a lot of clout" in leading the charge that all collegiate wear be made sweat-free.

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EDITORIAL***Despite the distance,
students should care about Sudan***

Let's start with this scenario: Imagine innocent members of your family being raped and killed.

Almost any sane person would be devastated after such an occurrence. Most of us would do anything within our power to stop it from happening and we would want those responsible brought to justice. That's a no-brainer.

Now we'll distance ourselves from it a little bit. Imagine it was your neighbors being killed in droves. Still, most of us would feel affected emotionally and probably intervene if we could.

Even further. Think back to the summer of 2005. Those of you who were in the area will remember the story of Joseph Edward Duncan III, a sex offender who kidnapped two young children from Idaho, killed their family and then killed one of the children.

There were a lot of people around here – in a different state from where the killings took place – whose blood boiled at the thought of Duncan. They had never met any of the people involved, but would have taken pleasure in bringing Duncan to justice themselves.

So, where's the line? At what point do people stop caring about brutalities inflicted upon others? These are the questions that come to mind every time I read the news, especially coverage of the genocide in Sudan.

Yesterday, news reports revealed that a high-level mission of UN investigators has concluded that Sudan's government is responsible for mass murder, rape and kidnapping in Darfur. And the international response to the atrocities, the group's leader told the BBC, has been "pathetic."

The reports come as no surprise to those who follow international news. Knowledge of genocide in Darfur has been widespread in the international community for some time now, but unfortunately so has denial of the facts from which that knowledge is derived.

Even those who don't deny genocide is taking place are reluctant to act in Sudan. They simply give lip service to stopping genocide, but face little pressure from the comfortable electorates in their first world countries, who for some reason don't care about the Sudanese people.

The sad fact of the matter is that most people reading this editorial will probably stop after the first mention of Sudan. But for those who continue to read, try to imagine the Darfur genocide happening closer to home. What would you do if it was your neighbors being killed, or your family? Most of us would intervene, and the case of Sudan should be no different.

I don't expect everyone to dash over to Sudan and take up arms against those responsible for injustices. But to all the soon-to-be graduates out there, consider careers in governmental or nongovernmental organizations through which you can fix up the world. And to everyone else, a lot of good can be done by simply signing petitions or sending letters to representatives. You would do it to save a loved one.

– Peter Bulger,
editor

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Montana Kaimin**Write a letter to the editor.****LETTERS FROM THE PROTEST LINE*****Protesters only incite urge to buy more Nikes***

Grab some Bob Dylan records, a few markers and some poster board, because this beautiful weather is bringing back more than just Frisbee and slack liners. Sunshine in Missoula means protests.

I know what you're thinking, and I feel the same way. Let's just say it together: "Yawn."

It's not that I'm against protesting – I dated the First Amendment for several years. But, honestly, I find the fervent chanters who populate our campus to be obnoxious, sanctimonious, idealistic simpletons.

They're also ass-hats.

Last week, Students for Hearing Our Own Voices – I'm sorry, I mean "Students for Economic and Social Justice" – kicked off Protestin' Season by crowding outside Main Hall and shouting "Dennison! Foley! Grizzlies sweat-free!"

The group called out the phrase with passion and conviction, and I'm sure that both University of Montana President George Dennison and Executive Vice President Jim Foley were moved, even though neither man was in the building at the time.

The hulking – some would say epic – mass of about 1 percent of UM's student body was entertaining as hell, but all I could think was, "What does that chant even mean?"

Apparently not only is justice blind, it also can't come up with a decent chant. Seriously, how hard is it for a group of educated people to come up with a complete sentence anyway?

I should also point out that the chant meant absolutely nothing to me. The only people garnering less meaning from the words were the people shouting them. Perhaps chants should be chosen by how well they convey a message and not by how nice they sound when strung together.

I agree with SESJ's point of view that all workers deserve fair treatment – I'll even agree that a small group can make a big change – but standing out on the Oval banging a drum only annoys people. Nothing changes.

The highlight of the event was when ASUM senator Sean Morrison said of UM, "How can you be committed to truth and support sweatshops?"

The only way Morrison's rhetorical question would have made sense would be if sweatshops were lies, in which case his entire rally would be worthless. Well, more worthless.

The protest was also not helped by the people sporting iPods and sweatshop-produced clothing. I guess consistency doesn't matter when people are playing the role of "collegiate intellectual with a heart." ("I took a class on ethics and I don't have to take guff from nobody!")



The whole event, ironically, made me want to buy a pair of Nikes just to spite SESJ. (I didn't though. Despite the low wages paid to the workers, Nikes are still expensive.)

Four years of living in Missoula has taught me this: Everyone has an issue.

That's fine. Having an agenda is sexy. It shows the ability to care about others. But unless a person realizes the world isn't looking to Missoula as its moral barometer, the protests are simply self-serving piety. It's one thing to want to change the world; it's another to harbor the illusion that the revolution starts in the middle of nowhere. (As if President Bush is sitting in the Oval Office right now saying, "How are my numbers in Missoula? Everyone knows as Missoula goes, so goes the nation.")

I offer this as a solution: I think everyone who likes standing around the Oval and making noise should start a new protest group with that as its only purpose. Throw out the pompous politicking and just accept that advocacy at a liberal arts school is a fashion statement and not a real movement.

Or you could continue the whole charade, and I'll have something to write about. That works too.

– Pat Duganz is a senior in print journalism.

Bush has horrible human rights record in S. America

A quick browsing of CNN Español's online video clips reveals the continentwide hatred our Latino neighbors reserve for our commander in chief – the government's devastating economic and political policies in tow. Meanwhile, protests have erupted throughout Latin America where President Bush is desperately seeking a place to land Air Force One where he might be welcomed. Instead, Latin Americans from Guatemala to Argentina are reminding Bush that should he land his airplane in their territory, it will be to voices chanting in unison: "asesino" ("murderer").

Of course, this ire should not belong to Bush alone, as he is only the most current version of imperial master. After 500 years of regional oppression, isolation and

**Letter
to the editor**

division, Latin Americans are looking increasingly toward each other for solidarity. Loosely modeling regional integration after the European Union, today's Latin American leaders Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, Rafael Correa of Ecuador, Lula da Silva of Brazil, Evo Morales of Bolivia, Nestor Kirchner of Argentina and Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay are rejecting American foreign and economic policy in lieu of their own trade and diplomatic agreements.

Notable among the majority of voices rejecting Bush is one dissenting voice: American ally Alvarez

Uribe of Colombia. Not surprisingly, Colombia is the third-largest recipient of American military aid and is seeking to have President Bush extend our nation's inhumane aid package called Plan Colombia. This U.S. taxpayer-funded "plan" has led to the loss of tens of thousands of innocent lives, environmental destruction and made possible the continuation of an insanely brutal war. Conspicuously absent from the list of nations highlighted in the easy-to-dismiss "Human Rights Report" issued by the U.S. each year (besides itself) was Colombia, where thousands of people are killed every year at the hands of Colombia's military/paramilitary forces that our glorious government funds. Do hypocrisy and irony know no limits?

– Jay Bostrom,
UM 2006 graduate

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24 Sawbuck
27 Spotted horse
29 Small bill
30 French clerics
34 Afore
35 Rams' mates
36 Largest of the Marianas
37 Campers' shelters
39 Main dish
40 Circle parts
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44 Register operator
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54 Feels ill
55 Spread throughout
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IN THE MARCH 9 ISSUE, THE KAIMIN INCORRECTLY STATED THAT ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR RESEARCH ON BEES AND POISONOUS CHEMICALS CAME FROM THE U.S. ARMY'S NIGHT VISION AND ELECTRONIC SENSORS DIRECTORATE. IN FACT, THE EQUIPMENT CAME FROM THE U.S. ARMY'S CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

IN THE MARCH 9 ISSUE, THE KAIMIN INCORRECTLY STATED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURE AND FOOD FESTIVAL WOULD FEATURE A THAI PUPPET SHOW. IN FACT, IT WAS A TAIWANESE PUPPET SHOW.

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was not one of those 39. When a fire was set last month that triggered Miller Hall's fire suppression sprinklers, Lankford said she incurred at least \$1,000 in property damages.

"Everything electrical was destroyed by the sprinklers," she said. "My stereo, curling iron, my blow dryer. My acoustic guitar is toast."

Lankford said Residence Life was slow, at first, to guide her in seeking compensation for her ruined property, but it later "stepped up and helped us."

Students are now in the process of finding receipts for destroyed property to obtain compensation. Kenslow said that some students are covered in their parents' homeowner's insurance, but not all.

Residence Life is still helping out students without any insurance.

"He (Ron Brunell) told me to turn in any receipts I had, and if I didn't have them to buy new items and give him those receipts," Lankford said. "Hopefully I'll get compensation for most of it."

Brunell said Residence Life will try to compensate for equal value on items lost. He said that if a student had a \$500 laptop that was ruined and went out and bought a \$1,000 laptop to replace it, he or she would not receive compensation.

For now, Lankford has moved into Aber Hall while Miller is being repaired. Her and eight other students will be there until Miller is renovated, which is expected to be done the week after spring break.

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While Foley acknowledged the hard work done by the students, he refused to be pushed. "Nothing's off the table," he said, but added, "You can't have the tail wagging the dog."

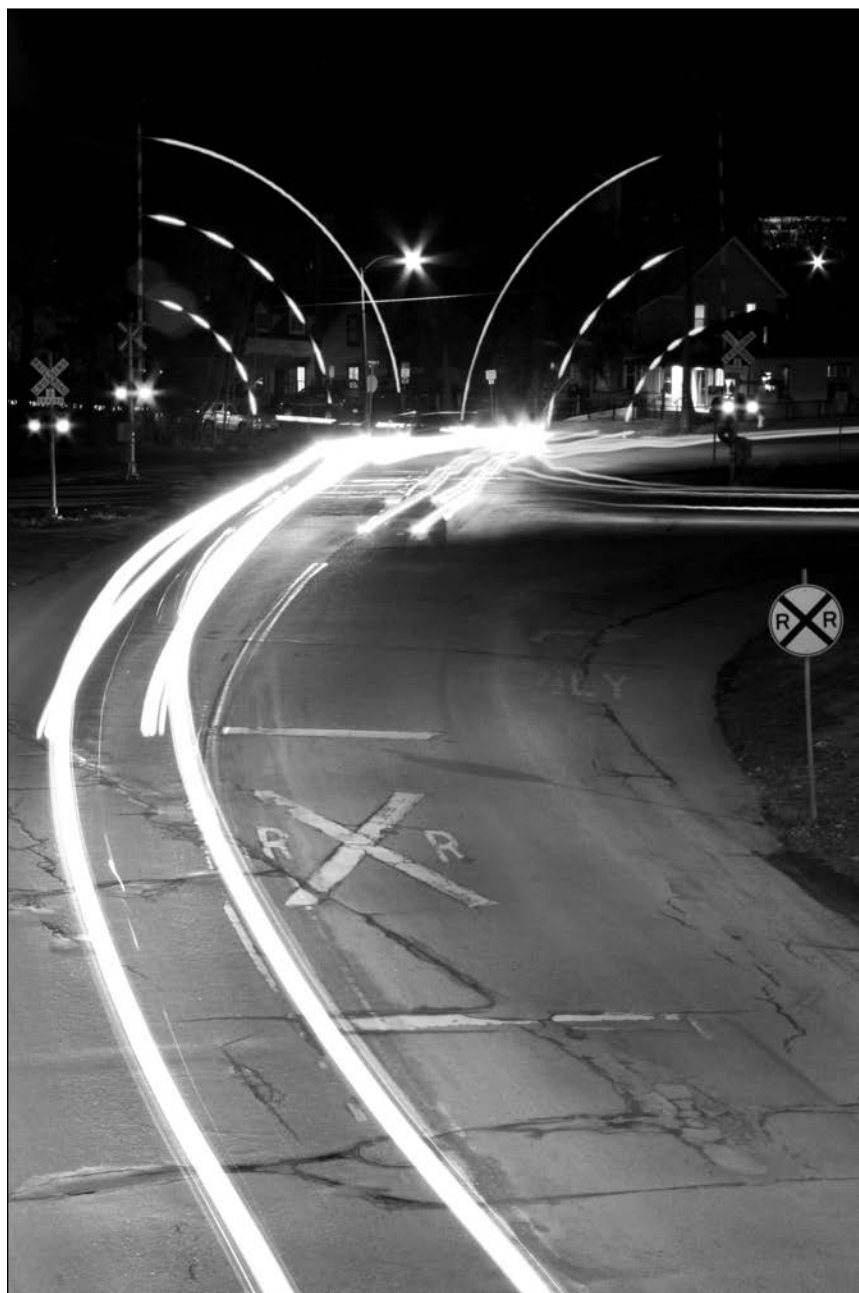
Foley pointed out that processes of this type take time. For example, he said, the University's purchasing "Code of Conduct" is in its sixth draft since the students and the administration began working on it in the spring of 2006.

That code addresses labor standards, worker health and safety and environmental considerations when selecting vendors, according to the draft document Foley distributed. The code will automatically apply to Griz gear manufacturers as well as other University suppliers.

The students will continue their talks with the administration later this week.



MONDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

Vehicles cross the train tracks after the gates swing open Monday evening at the intersection of Spruce and Madison near Finnegan's restaurant. Montana Rail Link has trains passing through Missoula carrying goods that occasionally stop in Missoula for maintenance.

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Physicist: Time travel impossible

EMILY DARRELL
MONTANA KAIMIN

Put down that hoverboard, McFly, and listen up: Time travel ain't never gonna happen.

In his lecture "What Do We Know About Time Travel?" Dr. Etienne Klein, a particle physicist with the Atomic Energy Commission of France and a professor of the philosophy of science at the L'Ecole Centrale in Paris, was firm about three things: Time *does* exist; time is a real, physical entity; and physics can prove that time travel is impossible.

"Time is a thing which everyone speaks of but no one has seen," Klein said.

There are numerous definitions of time, Klein said, citing examples from Plato, Aristotle and a French writer who claimed, "Time is what happens when nothing is happening."

Throughout history, people have been using metaphors to try and define time, and Klein cited "time as a river" as one of the most enduring analogies.

The problem with the river metaphor, Klein said, is that "the flowing of time has no speed." The best definition of time, Klein said, is from the French surrealist poet Robert Desnos, who wrote, "Time is an agile eagle in a temple."

Klein said he thinks Einstein would have liked this metaphor, as it shows time as a thing that cannot be caught or captured, and suggests time's contradictory notions of constancy and mobility.

Klein said the reason many sci-fi writers and philosophers justify possibility of time travel is because they perceive the exis-



Kevin Hoffman/ Montana Kaimin

Etienne Klein of the Atomic Energy Commission of France gives a lecture in the Gallagher Business Building about scientists' limited understanding of how time works.

tence of two different times – i.e. a now and a not-so-now.

In reality there is only one time, Klein said. Though we all have our own concepts of time, Klein said this is just the work of psy-

chological processes, and does not prove that time is different for all of us, just that we all perceive it differently.

"Our brain is not a good clock," Klein said.

Klein explained that the principle of causality, a concept that is very difficult to define without using terms like "light cone," "timelike" and "antimatter" proves that time travel is impossi-

ble. For non-physicists it may be a little hard to grasp, but still easier to grasp than that hoverboard.

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to describe it.

"We did get our hopes up," she said. "Our coaches told us to keep our heads up, because we still had more games to play."

With an exceptional season record of 27-3, the Lady Griz had started thinking that an impressive 11-game winning streak to end the regular season and an appearance in the AP Top 25 poll during the final week of the regular season could notch them one of the 33 at-

large bids.

It wasn't in the cards. "I'm not surprised," Selvig said. "History shows that teams from leagues like ours, they don't want to make a case for you getting in. It's just kind of the way it is."

Only once before has the Big Sky received an at-large bid. Boise State got in the 1994 tournament, when the conference was known as the Mountain West.

"When you're in the Big Sky, you've just got to win the tournament," Selvig said.

Big Sky champion Idaho State received a 15 seed and will face Stanford in the first round on the

Cardinal's home court.

The Lady Griz, who are ranked 28th in this week's AP poll, began to feel positive about their fate over the course of the weekend, as ESPN.com "bracketologist" Charlie Creme predicted Montana as a possible 10 seed. That didn't happen, and teams with much worse records than Montana got in. That is largely because the committee looks at the difficulty of the schedules, and the Big Sky Conference isn't as strong or as large as the other elite conferences.

"If we played in the SEC we wouldn't be 27-3, so there's a dif-

ference in the league you play in and we totally understand that," Selvig said.

Morales said it's still difficult to see the teams with lower records getting in, knowing her team had only lost three games.

"It is disappointing seeing that, but you know, that's who the committee chose and we're just going to have to deal with it," she said.

Although the selection committee passed up the Lady Griz, their season still continues with the NIT tournament as a consolation prize. Selvig said his team should be proud that they're not done yet.

"Being in the postseason is a big

deal," he said. "There are some pretty good basketball teams that won't be practicing tomorrow and won't be playing in the NIT or the NCAA, so I want these ladies to feel great about the season they had and feel great that we're going to play in the postseason."

Montana will travel to Utah to play the Utes in the first round of the NIT on Wednesday. As of press time, the game time had not been determined.

"We're just going to have to tear it up in the NIT," Morales said. "We're just going to have to keep our heads up and play hard."

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Lady Griz drop conference semifinal to NAU in 64-59 upset

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Try as they might, the Lady Griz could not get their offense to unlock against Northern Arizona on Friday night, resulting in a 64-59 upset loss in the semifinal game of the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

"We're obviously disappointed; it probably wasn't a great game, but it was a hard-fought game," University of Montana head coach Robin Selvig said. "It's a little tough to come out on the short end, but we've got to give NAU credit; they battled us for 40 (minutes) and they made it tough to do stuff out there."

Montana managed to keep the lead throughout the first half and went into the locker room at half-time with a 29-23 lead. However, with just more than 13 minutes left in the second half, the Lumberjacks began to pull ahead and the Lady Griz couldn't get shots to fall.

"(NAU) got after us and it was a physical, dog-'em, ride-'em game; that's what the game turned into, it was just hard to function," Selvig said. "We never really got any spurts ... we never really got a run that could have gotten us a win from them."

NAU outshot Montana 46.3 percent to 34.6 percent in the second half. The Lumberjacks also made three 3-pointers in the second half while Montana went 0-for-6 above the arc.

UM sophomore guard Mandy Morales led Montana with 18 points and sophomore forward Britney Lohman had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior center Alyssa Wahl led Northern Arizona with 20 points.

It was the second-straight season that NAU has knocked out the Lady Griz in the tournament semifinals. NAU's defense limited Montana to less than 60 points for only the third time this season. In all three games, Montana has lost.

"I think that Montana is very similar to us in the sense that we're not about scoring a lot of points, we're about trying to prevent people from scoring a lot of points," NAU head coach Laurie Kelly said. "I thought it was a very defensive game. I thought that offensive rebounding was critical for us ... I definitely thought that (defense) was a key to the game."

The Lumberjacks improved to 20-11 with the win while the Griz went to a 27-3 record.



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UM guard Mandy Morales loses the ball Friday night during a semifinal game against the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks in the Big Sky Conference Tournament at the Dahlberg Arena. The Lady Griz lost 64-59. Montana is now 27-3.

Idaho State edges out Northern Arizona

(AP) – Idaho State used a fast-paced game and a late flurry of 3-pointers to defeat Northern Arizona 84-78 Saturday night in the Big Sky Conference championship.

"I thought we got off to a great start from an offensive stand-

point," Idaho State coach Jon Newlee said. "It was at a tempo that we wanted to play. We did a great job of opening up the old fun-and-gun in the second half and hit our 3's and really busted things open."

Tournament MVP Natalie Doma

scored 24 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the Bengals (17-13), who earned the league's automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

The Lumberjacks (20-12), who knocked off No. 25 Montana in the semifinals, took their last lead at 57-56 on a free throw by Laura Dinkins with 8:37 remaining.

The Bengals hit four consecutive 3-pointers by Andrea Lightfoot, Kaylynn Fager, Michelle Grohs and Fager again. Northern Arizona answered with three layups and trailed 68-63 with 4:33 remaining.

"One stretch they hit four 3's in a row," Northern Arizona coach Laurie Kelly said. "I thought that was really the swing of the game, those four possessions."

Lightfoot made a layup with 3:59 left, then two free throws at 3:28 to give the Bengals a 72-65 lead.

Megan Porter hit two free throws and Alyssa Wahl, who finished with 30 points, hit a 3 to pull Northern Arizona to 72-70 with

2:37 remaining.

Lightfoot missed with 1:06 remaining, but a jump ball on the rebound went to Idaho State and the Lumberjacks were forced to foul.

Lightfoot's two free throws gave the Bengals a 76-70 lead with 54 seconds left.

Wahl banked in a 3 to pull the Lumberjacks to 76-73 with 49 seconds left, but they missed two 3-pointers with about 25 seconds left.

Idaho State made all eight of its free throws in the final 45 seconds to seal the win.

Devin Diehl added 12 points and Grohs had 11 for Idaho State.

Porter added 15 points and 14 rebounds, while Sade Cunningham had 12 points and 10 assists for Northern Arizona, which was playing its third game in as many days.

"I give credit to Idaho State. Every time it was a made or missed shot, they were just pushing," Kelly said. "(Newlee) wanted the ball up the floor, he wanted the tempo to stay fast because that would play into their hands, having played only one game versus two."

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Missoula's Glacier Hockey League players step it up for playoffs

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The Glacier Hockey League kicked off its single elimination playoffs Sunday evening at the Glacier Ice Rink, commencing a two-week battle for Missoula hockey glory.

The hockey league's five levels – Cup, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice and Hang Loose (for players 35 and up) – have been playing since November. Last week marked the end of the regular season and the final standings determined the seeding for the playoffs.

Every night this week, starting between 6:30 and 8:30, hockey teams from each level will clash in quarterfinal action, with winners skating triumphantly into the next round and losers hanging up their skates for the season.

Troy Dvorak plays goalie for Bitterroot Brewing, the top-seeded team in the Intermediate division. After winning his game Sunday evening, he was headed out to the parking lot for some fresh Bitterroot brew.

"It's a fun thing. There is no admission, and everyone brings

refreshments," Dvorak said, referring to the playoffs. "And because the weather is warming up, fans bring kegs and barbecues. It is a community rink and it has a community atmosphere."

A group of female hockey players tailgating in the parking lot agreed. Leila Haack, a goalie in the Novice division, said the best thing about playoff hockey was "not having to wear a jacket while drinking beer."

Women are scattered throughout the GHL.

In the second Intermediate

game Sunday evening, Raquel Montenegro and Laura Wold's team, Worden Thane, upset higher-seeded Big Sky Brewing.

Wold, a UM junior studying exercise science, said that it was more difficult playing with men, but that she was glad she had challenged herself by signing up for Intermediate.

Montenegro, a graduate student pursuing her MBA, said, "It helps me get better playing with guys."

Montenegro squared off against several of her professors in Sunday's game as Jeff Shay and

Tony Crawford, both professors in the School of Business Administration, were among Big Sky Brewing's ranks Sunday night.

As the games raged beneath the bright lights of the outdoor rink, friends and family jeered and cheered. Fans pounded on the glass and laughed at their obnoxious friends.

"The best thing about GHL playoffs is lots of beer and lots of exciting hockey," said Mason Buchanan, a UM junior. "You gotta give the old people what they want."

Sports Briefs

UM remains undefeated in Big Sky Conference

The University of Montana men's tennis team beat Eastern Washington 4-3 on Saturday to improve to 2-0 in Big Sky Conference play. The teams split the singles matches, but Montana swept the three doubles matches to take home the doubles point.

Montana dropped matches at the top two singles slots but saw victories at the No. 3, 4 and 5 spots to clinch its fifth victory of the spring. UM sophomore Colin Dektar's 6-4, 6-2 loss to EWU's Kyle Schraeder was the only singles match that didn't go to three sets.

UM senior Brady Tommerup, the defending conference player of the week, dropped his match in the No. 6 position 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

Montana (5-3, 2-0 BSC) is next in action on March 25 with a road match against Nevada. The Griz will resume conference play the following day against Sacramento State.

Rough start to women's golf season continues

The University of Montana women's tennis team had a rough weekend on the road, dropping its Big Sky Conference opener on Friday and then falling to 1-8 on the season the following day. Montana lost 5-2 to both Eastern Washington and Gonzaga.

UM got steady play from freshman Kayla Moyse, who, playing out of the No. 5 singles position, went 2-0 over the weekend. Montana's top doubles tandem of sophomore Liz Walker and freshman Danni Paulson won both of their doubles matches on the road trip, but Montana dropped the doubles point in both duels.

Montana (1-8, 0-1 BSC) is in action this weekend when it will play three road matches in three days against Santa Clara, Sacramento State and San Francisco.

Grizzly football team opens up spring drills

The University of Montana football team opened its 2006 spring drills on Monday afternoon at the Riverbowl Fields. The Griz will wrap up spring practices with a scrimmage in Billings on April 14.

Montana looks to get in a few snaps before campus adjourns for spring break. The Griz will continue to practice this afternoon and on Thursday, as well as Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week with a scrimmage on March 23.

Montana went 12-2 in 2006, winning its ninth-straight Big Sky Conference title. The Griz open up their 2007 campaign with a Sept. 1 home game against Southern Utah.

Check out Wednesday's Kaimin for a more in-depth look at Montana's spring drills.

- Kaimin Sports staff

UNC backup punter pleads not guilty to stabbing starter

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) – A former Northern Colorado backup punter accused of stabbing the starter pleaded not guilty Monday to charges of attempted murder and assault.

Mitch Cozad of Wheatland, Wyo., is accused of leaving a 3- to 5-inch deep gash in Rafael Mendoza's kicking leg during a Sept. 11 ambush. Police have said they believe Cozad stabbed

Mendoza in an attempt to get the starting job. The case drew comparisons to the assault by Tonya Harding's hit man on Nancy Kerrigan.

Cozad remains free on \$500,000 bail. If convicted, he could face up to 48 years in prison.

A judge on Monday scheduled the trial for July 30.

Cozad's lawyer, Joseph Gavaldon, said he is open to discussing a plea agreement with prosecutors.

"We'll see if we're going to

trial," Gavaldon said outside the courtroom. "As of today, we are."

District attorney spokeswoman Jennifer Finch said prosecutors had no comment.

Cozad appeared in court in a black suit and silver-stripped tie. He waived his right to a formal arraignment and entered not-guilty pleas.

He has been kicked off the team and suspended from the university. Mendoza returned to the team two weeks after the stabbing and averaged 39.9 yards on 56 punts.

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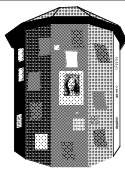
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